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A special service of thanksgiving is to be held this evening at 5.30 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Rev. Father Gabardi, the rector of the Cathedral, will preach a sermon, dwelling on the importance of the Eucharistic Sacrament and of the necessity of high devotion towards the Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, basing his arguments on true faith which every one must possess, and form the very words of our Saviour, when He said to the disciples at the last supper: "This is My body, this is My blood." Immediately after the sermon, the Right Rev. Bishop Pozzani will intone a solemn Te Deum with the full Sanctuary choir and responded to by the Choir of St. Joseph's College with organ accompaniment, following the hymn of Tantum ergo; after which His Lordship the Bishop will give the Benediction (holding the Blessed Sacrament) to the whole congregation.

After the *Laudate Dominum* the hymn of *Adoro te* will be sung by the full choir. It is anticipated that the Cathedral will be packed full on this occasion as always has been in former years. The main altar has been tastefully and richly decorated. The covering of the altar is made of a special gold-embroidery well combined with the frontage, having in its centre the Agnus Dei resting on the Holy Scripture and surrounded with silk-embroidered flowers. The golden chandeliers, profusely mounted with beautiful candles amidst varieties of flowers, produce a magnificent effect as seen from the body of the Church. The other five altars will all be decorated and illuminated.

To-night, the Cathedral will be opened from 11 p.m. to midnight, when the Holy Sacrament will be exposed for general adoration. A short Sermon will be preached by the Rev. Fr. Gabardi, and just at midnight the Benediction of the Holy Sacrament will be given to the congregation assembled, concluding with the *Laudate Dominum*.

A solemn High Mass will be sung in the morning the Rev. Father Gabardi officiating, assisted by the whole of the clergy.

THE FATSHAN AFFAIR.

It is reported in Canton papers that because a "Certain Foreign Consul" will not take in hand the matter of the reputed author of the death of a Chinese subject, there will be trouble in Canton. One Mr. Ng has advised the Viceroy, according to the published reports, to stiffen his back, and to inform those concerned that such indifference cannot be passed over, and stronger measures must be pressed so that the affair may be settled. "If the matter is not settled according to the provisions of the treaty, then it will be impossible to keep the business people in check. First of all property will be confiscated; then armed forces will be sent to be resorted to also, when an inch is allowed there will be a foot's advance." The report there will be the suggestions contained in this presentation of the case. It will be an unfortunate day for His Excellency if he allows himself to be driven by that most mischievous anti-foreign organisation, the Self-Government Society, into taking such a step. He has allowed the Society far too much latitude in this matter.

AMOY NOTES.

SHIPPING.

Amoy, December 28.

The s.s. Sungkang, Capt. Pennefather, arrived in port on Saturday from Hongkong. This morning, one of the ship's watchmen, noticing a suspicious looking fellow on board, took it into his head to open up his food basket, and found inside 28 tins of Opium. The man was at once seized, together with four firemen who are thought to be implicated. The men have been up before the Commisariat this morning, and they are to be sent down to the Yamen. The Opium was evidently intended for the Philippines whither the Sungkang is bound.

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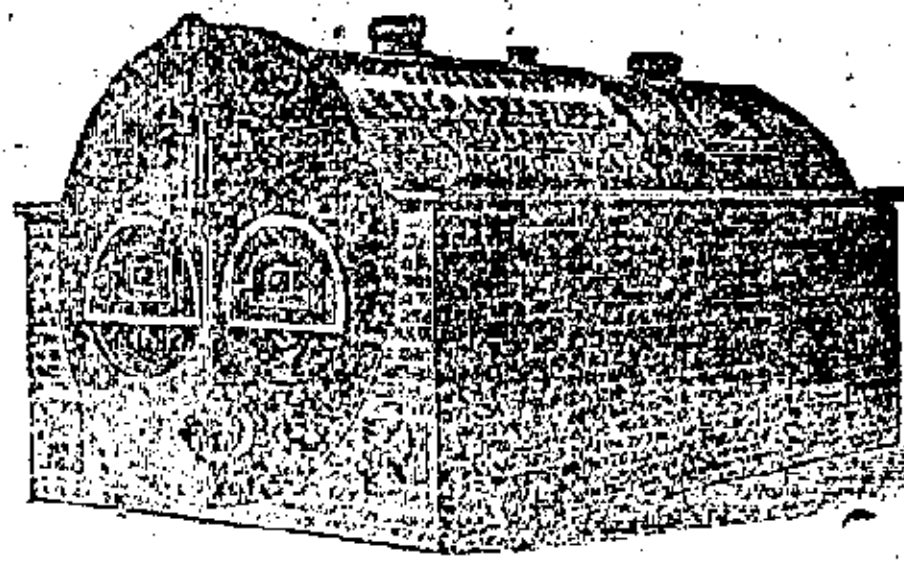
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My co-religionists have lately adopted and
acquired, to a large extent, in India and
elsewhere, the habit of smoking in broad
daylight in front of anybody and every-
body; perhaps to outshine and dignify
themselves in public society. The Parsees
were and are the only nation in the
world who are non-smokers and anti-
smokers. Let me therefore give a brief
history of this nation. The Parsees are
the remnants of a once mighty race from
Persia, who have ruled over many parts of
Asia, etc., since the fall of the Persian
Empire, which was conquered by Mahome-
dians during the reign of King Zedezard
about 1200 years ago, under whose sway the
mighty Persian Empire crumbled to pieces
with immense loss of life and property. The
Parsees are the following of Zoroaster,
a great prophet, law-giver and philosopher,
who was born in Rae in Media, about 4000
years B.C. Zoroaster's religion is chiefly
based on sanitary principles. Dr. Haug,
an eminent German scholar, who is con-
sidered an authority on the Parsee scrip-
tures, gives it as his opinion that the leading
idea of Zoroaster's theology was mono-
theism, i.e., there are not many gods but
only One.

The Parsees, while offering their devotion
to the God Almighty, hold fire before them
as the symbol of the Deity, on account
of its purity, brightness, activity, sublimity,
fecundity and incorruptibility—hence they
are erroneously called by some firewor-
shippers; but several historians, among
them Sir John Malcolm, have proved that
such a reproachful term should not be ap-
plied to the Parsees. The numerical strength
of the Parsees in India and elsewhere,
including females and children
is now about 100,000, which in com-
parison with the rest of the Indian popula-
tion, estimated at thirty crores and
upwards, is but a drop in the ocean. They
are flourishing under the benign British
raj, in trade, commerce, merchandise, etc.
Many hold and enjoy high and exalted
positions in various government depart-
ments. They are divided, like the
Catholics and Protestants, into two parties,
the Orthodox and Reformers; the former
having as yet retained their old cus-
toms and superstitions borrowed from
the Hindoos, whereas the latter, who
are well educated, have adopted European
costumes, customs and also the habit of
smoking; not only that, but proselytism
too. These last two practices are looked
upon with great repugnance and contempt
by the Orthodox Parsees. I cannot refrain
from mentioning that the educated males
have been Anglicized in taste, whereas the
educated females have still retained their
old Hindoo costumes of Sari.

Let me now quote here remarks and
opinions from various eminent physicians
regarding the habit of smoking.

Dr. Foot, an eminent American medical
man says:—"It is a trite adage that man
is a creature of habit." Indeed, every
man, woman and child has habits of some
kind, and nearly every person is addicted to
what are called bad habits to some extent.
It is a good habit to speak well of your
neighbour, instead of saying hard things
about him, even when he provokes you.
It is a good habit to do unto others as you
would have others do to you. It is a good
habit to preserve personal cleanliness
inside and out, by keeping the outer skin
or cuticle free from all obstructing accumu-
lations and excretions, and the inside
skin, or mucous membrane, uncontam-
inated by noxious vapours, poisonous
drinks, unwholesome food, etc. Every
practice, indeed, which makes the con-
science clearer, the mind happier
and the functions of the whole system
more regular and thorough in their per-
formance, may be put down as a good
habit, and every practice producing an
opposite effect may be denounced as a bad
habit. It should also be borne in mind
that what we may indulge in, or pursue
occasionally with benefit, may injure us if it
becomes a habit, and that self-deception is
easy if wilful ignorance is encouraged. One
of the most prevalent of bad habits is the
use of tobacco. This poisonous weed is
extensively used by nearly every class of
the community everywhere. In New York
City alone there are about two hundred
thousand smokers, and nearly as many
chewers of tobacco, to say nothing of snuff-
takers. It is estimated that its citizens
spend daily over ten thousand dollars
and less than nine thousand for
bread. The Europeans and the present
white inhabitants of this continent
borrowed the habit of smoking from the
aborigines of America and the Asiatics
somewhere or other got hold of the trick
themselves. Many fashionable ladies on
both sides of the Atlantic smoke cigarettes,
and a cigar dealer in Boston makes the
announcement that he sells on an average
three hundred cigars daily for the use of
the fair ones of New England. According
to Johnson, every female in the big
empire of China "from the age of
eight or nine, wears as an appendage
to her dress, a small silver pocket to hold
tobacco and a pipe. The Japanese also
smoke, women as well as men. The
Dutchess smoke, men, women and even
children, a large cigarette, about a foot in
length. A majority of men all over the
world smoke or chew, and not a few boys
follow their example. The poet Milton
was a moderate smoker, and Lamb, at
one time carried smoking to a great excess.
The latter has been known to smoke and
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Intimations.

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at No. 19, Queen's Road Central, under
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hereby gives notice that he will NOT BE
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Liabilities in respect thereof prior to this
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L. GAMBAU.
Hongkong, September 29, 1908. 1821

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NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
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be CLOSED for the transaction of Public
Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY,
the 1st and 2nd prox. respectively.
By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, December 30, 1908. 1792

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.
In accordance with Government Notifi-
cation No. 227 the EXCHANGE
BANKS will be CLOSED for the transac-
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£18,114,824 11 2
Revenue: Fire Branch—£2,890,065 15 7
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Miscellaneous
2.15 p.m.—Children's Sports at King's
Park, Kowloon.
Exchange Banks Closed.
Insurance Office Closed.
Goods per Rotorua undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, January 3.—
9 p.m.—Boxing at City Hall.
MONDAY, January 4.—
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the
Public Works Department's Office.
9 p.m.—Concert in City Hall.
Goods per Asia undelivered at Noon
on this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, January 5.—
6.30 p.m.—Organ Recital, in St. John's
Cathedral.
WEDNESDAY, January 6.—
Goods per Prinz Bili Friedrich undeliv-
ered after this date subject to rent.
Goods per Sanywa undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, January 8.—
9.15 p.m.—Philharmonic Concert at City
Hall.
WEDNESDAY, January 13.—
9 p.m.—Travels at St. Andrew's Hall.

NOTICE.

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addressed to THE EDITOR.
Letters relating to business should be address-
ed to THE MANAGER.

Correspondents must forward their names and
addresses with any communications address-
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as evidence of good faith.

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No anonymously signed communications that
have already appeared in other papers will be
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1908

AUSTRALIA AND FAR EASTERN
TRADE.

Australia's trade with the countries of
the Orient is rapidly expanding. A
table published in the *Pull Mail Gazette*
showing the growth of the export trade
of the big southern continent for the
years of 1891-1901-1907, containing figures
that will surprise the ordinary reader
who has not kept himself au courant
with the recent trend of business in this
particular portion of the globe, for the
expansion during the past six years
which they disclose is truly very striking.
A rough idea of the real condition
of things will be furnished by the
following figures:

AUSTRALIAN EXPORTS			
COUNTRY.	1891.	1901.	1907.
India and Ceylon	21,000,871	23,277,334	25,536,524
Philippines	14,854	106,123	279,223
Sumatra	151,243	118,328	234,402
Straits Settlements	70,982	172,209	274,900
Java	49,777	417,711	857,345
China	20,740	128,370	164,441
Japan	16,578	180,825	708,270
	21,780,498	24,434,900	270,244,340

The compiler of this table, com-
menting upon the figures he sets forth,
remarks:—"Australia's products are
not varied, but they are just those
which Asia needs most. For though
Australia's northern territory is tropical,
her greatest development has been
reached in the temperate South, and is
likely to continue for generations to
come. Her exchange with the Orient is,
therefore, the most natural and per-
manent form of commerce." For timber,
coal, lead, copper, and sandalwood the
market has grown steadily since the
seventies, but suddenly since 1900 for
foodstuffs, owing to political conditions
—for instance, the American embargo

of the Philippines and the Chinese
boycott of American goods. The one
has enabled a Queensland company to
erect in Manila cold storage works on a
large scale and with all the latest
improvements in machinery, which,
besides keeping the garrison and
civilian white population supplied with
meat and dairy produce, turns out
1,000 tons of ice a day. The other, in
China and the Straits Settlements,
has transferred a great part of the
trade in flour, which was once a
California monopoly, to the Com-
monwealth. To Japan the leading
export is wool, whose value has greatly
increased since the duty thereon was
repealed a decade ago. India, now that
she is becoming a manufacturing
country on Western principles, too, is
beginning to import wool in the same
way, and the Federal Government are
looking forward to a time when the
market shall be extended so as to
embrace the whole East."

Another feature of Australia's recent
reaching forth into fields of com-
mercial activity lying somewhat outside
the ordinary run of mercantile
investments is disclosed in a para-
graph which runs:—"It is not only in
commerce that the Commonwealth is
making her mark in Asia, but in the
development of industries and commu-
nications. In Tokyo, which covers a
vast area, the tramways are a private
enterprise, whose inspiration is the
Australian, Sir MALCOLM McEACHARN.
The company formed by his patient
diplomacy has a paid up capital of
25,000,000, controlling one of the
largest and flourishing undertakings of
the kind in the East. Mr. W. K.
D'ARCY is providing the money for
working a petroleum concession in the
Karin Valley, one of our 'Undeveloped
Estates.' Mr. LEANA DAVIES is
finding a profitable field of investment
in Ceylon. In his report of 1900 the
President of Peking wrote 'that it was
due to the Queensland, Mr. BIRBY,
more than any single individual, the
creation of the gold-mining industry in
this State.' The Raub Australian
Company, of which he was manager,
produces three times as much as any
of its rivals, and in the dark days of
the industry it was his dogged refusal
to accept defeat that prevented its
utter collapse. Even as early as 1885
it was Australian concessionaires who
first worked the tin mines of Perak,
up to then a monopoly of the Chinese.
With this commercial activity mari-
time enterprise is keeping pace, new
steamship routes being opened up,
the borders of trade widen. Take,
for instance, the new through service
to Shanghai, subsidised by the
Government of New South Wales. Its
object is to provide direct intercourse
with China, at present all goods
having to be transhipped at Hong-
kong. Then there is the Eastern and
Australian Line with three fine
passenger and cargo ships, whose
itinerary begins at Sydney and ends
at Yokohama. Besides these new
ventures there is the monthly service to
Indian ports, Manila and Java, which
has always done most of the carrying
trade in remounts for the Indian Army.
The most significant move in con-
nection with the East is, however, the
arrangement by which Messrs. BURNS,
PHILIP, and Co. are to establish a
subsidised line of steamers for the
purpose of opening up communication
between Sydney and Singapore by way
of Japanese ports. For it should be
remembered that when HERR DEHNBERG,
with a view to linking up Australia,
the East Indies, and Japan in the
interests of German trade, wanted the
Reichstag to increase by £25,000 the
Imperial subsidy paid to the
Norddeutscher Lloyd, the sum was
halved by eliminating the amount for
the service between New Guinea and
Singapore. That the opportunity thus
missed by Germany should be seized by
the Commonwealth through Messrs.
BURNS, PHILIP, and Co. is one of the
ironies of international competition.
For it was they who were requested

out of the Marshall Islands trade by
a German company."

An ever increasing quantity of Aus-
tralia's dairy produce, meats, bacon,
fruits, etc., is finding its way to the Far
East, owing to the facilities now afford-
ed by cold storage plants in all the
great centres of population and we
should like to see Hongkong doing a
bigger share in this trade than she is at
present content with. Hongkong is,
however, not the only British possession
which fails to take advantage of all the
opportunities presented by the handling
of Australian goods. India is just as
bad. It certainly seems anomalous that
the American army and American
residents in the Philippines should be
better customers for foodstuffs from the
Commonwealth than the British Army
and British residents in India. It has
been suggested that without a tariff,
legislation, or public action of any kind
India and Australia might be mutually
benefited, and with them the whole
Empire, simply by using Government
control of the Indian Commissariat to
an Imperial end. But when the War
Office gives no preference to home and
colonial producers one can hardly ex-
pect it from the India Office. But time
is on the side of the Australians and if
they continue to push their business as
energetically in the coming years as
they have done during the past decade
a brilliant future lies ahead of their
merchants, manufacturers, financiers and
farmers.

THE ITALIAN DISASTER.

The year is closing on a note of horror,
for every cable now reaching the Far East
only emphasizes the seriousness of the
calamity which has befallen that part of
Southern Italy which borders on the Straits
of Messina and the adjacent island of Sicily.
We read of whole towns being wrecked, tidal
waves completing the work of destruction
commenced by the earthquake, and the loss
of life is now being estimated at 75,000.
Some little exaggeration may have crept
into these figures, for one can hardly expect
cool and collected compilers of statistics
to have started in yet; still for all that the
wiping out of human lives has undoubtedly
proceeded on a very broad line. This
wholesale calamity has naturally attracted
the attention of the charitable in all parts
of the world and very soon abundant relief
will be pouring into the distressed dis-
tricts. True to the noble reputation
which they have earned on previous
occasions of national disaster, King Victor
Emmanuel and Queen Elena have proceeded
to visit the distressed people and are doing
all that lies in their power to alleviate the
sufferings of their unfortunate subjects.
The southern portion of Italy lies in a
district of the world famous for its seismic
and volcanic activities. Only a very short
time ago an earthquake in Calabria spread
disaster and ruin over a very wide area,
while the eruptions of Vesuvius, Etna and
Stromboli, even within comparatively recent
times, are famous in history. The sympathy
which the Italian Government to soften
some of the miseries which such an ap-
alling disaster inevitably brings in its train.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A social evening is to be held at the
Hotel Baltimore this evening.

The annual meeting of the active
members of the Y.M.C.A. will be held in
the rooms, Alexandra Buildings, on Thurs-
day, January 21st, at 5.15 p.m.

The first social of the New Year in
connection with the Y.M.C.A. will be held
on the evening of Saturday, January 5th.
The Hon. and Mrs. F. H. May have very
kindly consented to arrange the programme.

Mok Lai Chi was charged at the
Magistrate's to-day, before Mr. J. H. Kemp,
with selling a preparation containing stry-
chnine, and not labelling the bottles con-
taining the preparation in English and Chinese.
A fine of \$10 was imposed.

A special effort is being made to
entirely remove the doubt which has
burdened the Y.M.C.A. since its organisa-
tion, and in the effort all members are
earnestly invited to co-operate. Less than
\$200 is required to accomplish the desired
end.

The committee of the Hongkong
Philharmonic Society would be glad if
those members of the society not vice
presidents, not taking part in the forth-
coming concert, and who do not wish to be
considered as subscribing members, will
communicate with the hon. secretary
immediately. Under the existing rules all
members of the society not taking active
part in the society's work are considered as
subscribing members unless they definitely
wish otherwise. Subscribing members pay
the same subscription and enjoy the same
privileges as active members.

TO THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY.

In ordering household supplies, don't
forget to buy a supply of Chamberlain's
Cough Remedy. Not many are aware of it
now, but you are about to be before the
winter is over. It never fails in case of
croup. For sale by all chemists and
grocers.

INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS.

(Wah Tai Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 30.

The Board of Administration requires
all official documents dealing with
international affairs to be sent to that
Board where they will be got ready for
the perusal of the Prince Regent.

TRIAL OF CASHIERED
GENERAL.

(Wah Tai Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 30.

Eku, the cashiered General of
Mongolia, when placed on trial before
the Board of Law, denied the charge
of embezzlement against him.

EX-MINISTER RETURNS.

(Wah Tai Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 30.

Shun Pao Yi, the ex-Minister to
Germany, returned to Peking by the
Trans-Siberian Railway, arriving at
Fungtien on the 28th inst.

MODEST PRINCE
REAGENT.

(Wah Tai Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 30.

The Prince Regent becomes still
more modest. Lately His Royal High-
ness has twice gone to the Grand
Council in a sedan chair carried by two
coolies instead of in the official yellow
chair.

DEATH OF THE HON. MR.
H. C. NICOLLE.

The death is announced of the Hon. Mr.
H. C. Nicolle, Treasurer of Ceylon. He
had been ill for a month of enteric fever,
and died at Colombo on the 11th December.
He was in the Hongkong Government
Service from 1890 to 1904, and his un-
timely death will be greatly mourned by a
very large circle who admired his splendid
character.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

Judging by the expressions we hear on
all sides, the public of Hongkong are
agently desirous that Mr. Henry Humphreys
and Mr. Shelton Hooper should be elected to
the Sanitary Board. Neither gentle-
man, we understand, is anxious to serve a
further term, but we hope they will be
persuaded to reconsider and will place
public interests before private inclinations.
The work these gentlemen have done dur-
ing the past three years is patent to the
least observant. Largely owing to their
exertions Hongkong has now the reputa-
tion of being one of the cleanest cities in
the East, and it would be a thousand
pities if they withdrew from the Sanitary
Board, whose good fame they have so
thoroughly established in the public mind.
Public-spirited men are few and far in this
particular quarter of the globe, so there is
all the more reason, therefore, that we
should freely acknowledge the debt we owe
to such men as Messrs. Hooper and
Humphreys. Few know the sacrifices
involved in taking on such public work as
they have done, sacrifices which include
great drafts upon time, patience and good
nature. They have cheerfully given of
all, and the result is that to-day Hongkong
is unanimous in asking them to stand
for re-election. We sincerely hope that
they will see their way to falling in with
the wishes of the community.

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MRS. Schneider, of Koffersfontein, O.
R. C., is very grateful to the man-
ufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.
He has found that it cures his children as
well himself of their coughs and colds.
They were all coughing and got no relief
until this remedy was used. Many parents
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Hongkong, November 16, 1908.

THE ITALIAN EARTH-
QUAKE.KING AND QUEEN START FOR
THE SCENE.(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters,
via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 31.

Victor Emmanuel III, King of Italy,
has started for the scene of the
disastrous earthquake accompanied
by Queen Elena.

The lower part of Reggio di
Calabria has completely disappeared
while the remainder is in ruins.

Heavy rains have fallen which has
intensified the suffering of the
community.

Many English and German tourists
have been killed.

King Emmanuel has donated £8,000
sterling towards the relief of the
sufferers.

A Mansion House fund has been
opened.

A fund is also being raised in
America.

Pillaging commenced but the troops
were called out and shot down the
looters.

The latest death roll is put down
at seventy thousand in Sicily and
thirty thousand in Calabria.

[REUTERS'S SERVICES.]

LONDON, December 29.

The earthquake was accompanied by a
wave 30 feet high. Many were
drowned in the coast towns and
Messina, Reggio di Calabria are
reported to be practically destroyed.
The rumour that thousands have perished
is not confirmed. All the telegraphs
and telephones are broken. A naval
division has started from Naples to
Messina. The Captain of the frigate
Passiro perished at Messina. The
shocks were of frightful intensity and
the seismic apparatus throughout Italy
has been broken.

LONDON, December 29.

Messina is a mass of ruins. Refugees
report that the Hotel Triverna, with the
staff and ninety visitors, the town hall,
the bourse, the post office, and the
barracks are destroyed. Most of the
villages on the coast of the Straits of
Messina are in ruins.

The Officers of the Italian men-of-war in
Hongkong harbour deeply regret that they
have been reluctantly compelled to abandon
the idea of a proposed dance on Monday
evening out of sympathy with their brethren
in the vicinity of the recent earthquake in
Italy.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The death is announced of the Earl of
Arosley.

General Booth has been successfully
operated on for cancer.

Major-General Gayton has been removed
from the Army.

Mr. Walsford, of Bukit Rajah Estate, is
in Hongkong enjoying a short holiday.

Signor Toschi, the famous song-writer, has
been created Knight Commander of the
Victorian Order.

The marriage of Miss Anderson,
daughter of H.E. the Governor of Singa-
pore, and Mr. G. Farrant will take place
in the comparatively near future. It is
said that a younger daughter of His Ex-
cellency is coming out to do the honours at
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DELTA.....8000	Mar. 6	CELESTIA.....8000	Apr. 3	Apr. 10
MAEDONIA.....10000	Mar. 20	(through steamer)	Apr. 17	Apr. 24
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Hongkong, November 9, 1908.

Hongkong, November 25, 1908.

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Hongkong, December 12, 1908. 1877

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Hongkong, December 26, 1908. 1730

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FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

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Hongkong, December 24, 1908. 1736

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Hongkong, December 14, 1908. 1662

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship

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having arrived, Consignees of cargo are

hereby informed that their Goods, with the

exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuable

articles, are being landed and stored at their

risk into the Godowns, and/or extra

hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and

Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point

Godowns whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods

remaining undelivered after the 6th of

January, 1909, will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godowns, where they

will be examined on the 6th of January,

at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 10th

of January, 1909, or they will not be

recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

the undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELBOURNE General Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1908. 1750

'BARBER' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP SURUGA.

FROM NEW YORK & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby

informed that all Goods are being

landed at their risk into the Godowns of

the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and

Godown Co., Ltd., at their risk, whence

and/or from the Wharves delivery may be

obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods

remaining undelivered after the 6th Jan.,

will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be

presented to the Undersigned on or before

the 30th Jan., or they will not be

recognized.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godowns, where they

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, December 29, 1908. 1748

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, JAPAN AND MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship

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on WEDNESDAY, the 30th Dec., 1908,

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risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Cargo undelivered on MONDAY,

January 4th, 1909, at 12 Noon, will be

subject to rent.

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Hongkong, December 28, 1908. 1731

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STEAMSHIP BENFOLICH.

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